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SB 10 - AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE.

Good morning Chairmen Needleman and Arconti, Ranking Members Formica and Ferraro and distinguished members of the Energy and Technology Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of Senate Bill 10 - An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations Regarding Climate Change.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) supports the review and, if appropriate, adoption through regulation of California's medium and heavy-duty vehicle emission standards and the establishment of a program of inspection and maintenance to ensure compliance with the new standards. There is no doubt that heavy-duty trucks contribute to air pollution. Connecticut currently enforces medium and heavy-duty diesel emissions standards through its weight and safety inspection program, in compliance with section 14-164i of the Connecticut General Statutes. A program that requires periodic emissions inspections for these vehicles is good environmental policy.

DMV predicts a three to five-year time frame to develop an emissions program for medium and heavy-duty vehicles and intends to work within its existing interface to collect and monitor program data. This process will require extensive planning and collaboration with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), and as a result, DMV agrees with DEEP that authority is needed now so that we can begin the planning process and engage relevant stakeholders. Although the medium and heavy-duty vehicles would be new to a routine inspection program, DMV anticipates that many successful features of its existing program could be adapted for use with these vehicles. For example, engaging with privately owned automotive service facilities to serve as vendors and providing the convenience of automatic transmission of test results from vendors to the department are elements of the current program that could be adapted for use with the trucking industry.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is confident that together with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, we can create and implement a program that would improve Connecticut's air quality.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of SB 10.